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1. A noticeable increase in the activity of Bulgarian Air Force and Soviet personnel has been observed during the past few months at Pordim, Telish and Graf Ignatievo airfields. Hangers, workshops and open parking areas have been extensively camouflaged. New security measures permit only military personnel carrying special passes to approach the airfields.
2. Jet planes, believed to be MIG-15s have been seen operating at the above three fields, but no Bulgarian pilots are permitted to fly them. It is rumored that certain Bulgarian pilots who served with the Soviet Air Force will be given jet training.
3. Many Soviet Air Corps personnel, believed to be ground forces, between the ages of 22 and 28, have been seen at Cham Koriya, Borovets, Kostenets and Khisar Monina Banya. They wear Bulgarian type uniforms made of special cloth produced at the Eliven and Gabrovo mills. This cloth is used exclusively by Soviets stationed in Bulgaria and is easily recognizable.
4. The Bulgarian Ministry of Interior created a special commission under Radenko Vidinski, former militia director, to examine all hunting licenses issued in Bulgaria. Each person holding a license is called before a local board, and, if not a member of the CPB, the license is revoked and his rifle confiscated. This program was undertaken because the authorities believe resistance groups are being supplied arms and ammunition by individuals claiming to be sportsmen.

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